

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, July 13, 2005, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Pam Millman (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Davis Shockley, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (representing Michael Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)	

Absent: Alden Hopkins, William Vanderwende, H. Dennis Clay and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Robin West, and Cathy Mesick.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, William Denman, Mrs. Martha Matlack, Dr. Mary Emily Miller, Mr. Steven Cohn from Mountain Union Telecom, and Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 601 farms in preservation districts totaling 140,907 acres, with a total of 442 farms under agricultural easements totaling 79,747 acres at a cost of \$103,623,460. In PDR Round 11 we currently have received applications for 77 farms with a total of 11,158 acres.

II. District Final Approval:

1. Outten District, ID#K-05-04-243. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the Outten District for final approval, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Public Comments – no comments were received.

- IV. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the June 8, 2005, minutes. One change was requested by Lyn Davenport that the graduating class of '05 of Cape Henlopen High School be shown as the donor of the \$1,000.00 to the Foundation and not the Cape Henlopen High School. Cathy Mesick said that she would so change the minutes. Receiving no other additions or corrections to the minutes, **Kevin Coyle moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Davis Shockley. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights

Cathy Mesick asked the Foundation Board to review the memorandum from the bookkeeper, Howard Mesick, in which it was requested that the funds which are not needed in the accounts from FY'05 be transferred to those FY'05 accounts which do need some additional funds. This would not result in an increase in the overall budgeted amount but would allow for the transfer of funds to accounts which could use those funds. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept the memorandum requesting the transfer of funds, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of June 31, 2005, \$22,215.13 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$235,461.26. Revenue for the month of May totaled \$2,810.72 which came from Sussex County Roll Back Taxes. Expenditures for the month of June totaled \$14,249.80. **Kevin Coyle moved to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Executive Session

F. Michael Parkowski indicated that an Executive Session was not necessary.

VII. Other Business

1. William E. & Martha A. Matlack District, ID#K-96-03-068
Request to Place a Cell Tower.

Mr. Steven Cohn from Mountain Union Telecom presented the request for a cell tower on approximately 75 x 75 feet of land, William Denman and Michael Parkowski also explained the lease to the Foundation Board. Chairman Garey calculated that it was less than ¼ of an acre of land that the site would occupy. No additional road would be needed and an existing road was at the site. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to approve the cell tower for the William E. & Martha A. Matlack District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on August 10, 2005 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary